



# Buzzard Droppings



Gold Leader Club

Promoting the building and operation of radio controlled models, and the public acceptance and good will towards the sport/hobby. Our main goal is to have fun and enjoy the challenge of safely flying radio control models.

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## Barnyard Buzzards Model Airplane Club

AMA Chapter 2953  
Monroe, Washington



Next Club Meeting is **Tuesday, August 9, 2011, 6:30 PM** at our club field in Monroe (See page 9 for a map).  
**Program: Flying Field Extended Coverage**

### President's Message — Bryan Reightley

Buzzards and Friends,  
I'd rather be sharing with you the great time I had participating in last month's Fun Fly than the higher priority topic I must talk about. As most of the members already know we find ourselves in the position of having to make some difficult decisions regarding our flying field. Our landlord has officially modified our

rental agreement. His changes include the elimination of all flying on Sundays, only allowing quiet electrics to fly after October 31<sup>st</sup>, and potentially no flying at all after July 1<sup>st</sup> 2012. Unfortunately, these changes are indicative of the need for us to find a new home.  
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### July 12th Meeting Minutes — Vaughan Houser

Fifteen members were present; no guests or visitors. After spending significant time in Arizona, Ron Rueter was back. Welcome back, Ron.  
President Bryan Reightley called the meeting to order at 6:33 P.M. He introduced the club's officers:  
President – Bryan Reightley

Vice President – Jim Reynolds  
Treasurer – Rick Hanners  
Secretary – Vaughan Houser  
Field Safety Officer – Vince Bell  
Newsletter Editor and Webmaster – Ron Swift  
Field Manager – Jay Bell  
**Officers' Reports**  
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### Club Officers and Contacts

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|--|---|
| <b>President:</b> Bryan Reightley (206) 940-0638 | <b>Vice President:</b> Jim Reynolds (360) 435-9662        |
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| <b>Field Manager:</b> Jay Bell (425) 788-4831    |   |



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Although this presents some challenges, the Buzzards have successfully relocated before and this probably won't be our last time. The board is already talking with one potential new landlord and hopes to have some information to share soon.

I will keep the basic business portion of the August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting short. This will allow plenty of time for discussing our options. The board has met several times in the past few weeks. We plan to communicate our thoughts and make some recommendations. It is my hope everyone will attend this meeting and become involved in the discussion. Remember, you must be present in order to vote on any motions presented.

I'm choosing to view the need for locating a new flying field as a positive opportunity for the Buzzards. We all know a good contract is fair to both parties. Our present rental agreement was settled on through concessions made by the Buzzards. This ultimately was not favorable to us, but we had no other choice at the

time. The existing surroundings at our field continue to encroach on our flying space. The crop trees to the north and west continue getting taller. These together with the corn growing adjacent to the field make for some challenging flying at times. Yes, it appears our hand is being forced. But, we also find ourselves in a position to improve on what we have by working together as a team to find a new field.

By the way, as a team, Tom and I did well competing in the 2011 Fun Fly.

See you at the field,

Bryan



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**Secretary** –Vaughan Houger reported 58 members are in the club.

**Vice President** – Jim Reynolds reminded everyone of the July 23<sup>rd</sup> Fun Fly. The entry fee to participate is \$5. Additionally, August 14<sup>th</sup> **[Now RE-scheduled for Saturday, August 13]** is the scheduled open house and swap meet.

**Treasurer** – Rick Hanners reported that financially we're in good shape. The charity auction we conducted last month raised \$460.00. Rick sent the club's rent check to Dale.

**Safety** – Vince Bell was going to check the first aid kit in the shed to make sure it contained the necessary items should anyone become injured. As mentioned at June's meeting at least 5 of the BBMAC members are First aid / CPR certified.

**Field** – Jay Bell mentioned the Craftsman mower is totally out of commission. He requested permission to look for a replacement. (See new

business.)

**Newsletter editor / Webmaster**– Ron thanked Rick Hanners for submitting an article for the newsletter. Others are welcome to provide pictures and articles to Ron. Ron also reminded everyone of the Index Art Festival scheduled for the first weekend in August. The organizers of the festival invited the Buzzards back again for this year's festival.

### Announcement

Vince congratulated Al Morse on successfully soloing. Congratulations, Al !

### Old Business

Bryan then called for old business:

Visitors: Continue to be mindful of visitors.

Weather Station: Jack Peel was not present

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to report on the status of the weather station. More to come in the future.

**No-fly zone:** Be mindful of the house at the East end of the runway; where the arrow and pole are located; take appropriate action to line up landing approaches with these land marks in mind. (Keep absolutely to the North of these!!!)

## New Business

Jay Bell, Field Manager, requested authorization to look for a replacement mower. A motion was made to fund a replacement mower not to exceed \$600.00. The motion was seconded, voted on, and unanimously passed. Jay will begin the search.

Rick Hanners proposed including a visitor's \$10.00 donation in the charity sum and that the club should round the total amount to \$500.00. So, the \$460 plus the \$10 and the additional \$30 from the club makes \$500.00. The club approved the \$30 dollar amount. Then discussion centered on who to donate the money to. A motion was made to donate the entire amount to the Monroe Food Bank. The motion was seconded, voted on and passed.

Bryan Reightley expressed his desire to shorten the business part of the monthly meetings to allow more time on things such as pilot projects, building techniques, share a newly found web site, etc. He encouraged everyone to participate in the show and tell portion of the meetings. Vaughan will send out a solicitation email to members for thoughts on what they would like to see at the meetings.

Bryan reminded the present members of his ideas regarding a couple of new competitions:

A "Re-builder's" Contest. This is where a pilot had a mishap during the summer with a plane. The pilot would take a picture of the broken plane, then fix it over the course of the summer, or how ever long it takes. Take a picture of the restored aircraft and present the restored aircraft on the contest date (yet to be determined).

A "That'll never fly" contest. Think about innovative ideas, turn those into things that fly, but no one believed would fly. These would be explored further at the next meeting.

## Evening Program

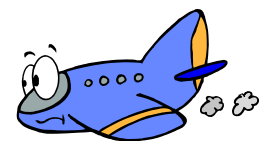
Brian Taylor's Proctor Enterprises Curtiss Jenny. Brian explained some of his building processes and techniques in completing his Jenny project. He documented his journey in [rcscalebuilders.com](http://rcscalebuilders.com). You can read about what he learned at <http://www.rcscalebuilder.com/forum/default.asp>. However, you must be a member to log on.

After explaining building the project, he put in a battery pack and demonstrated its flight characteristics. Brian expertly flew the Jenny. Thank you Brian for sharing your experiences!

The meeting adjourned at around 7:45 P.M. The next meeting is Tuesday, August 9, 2011, at our flying field in Monroe at 6:30 P.M.

## Another Announcement

The club newsletter is available on-line. If you still want to receive a "hard" copy, please, contact Ron Swift (425-788-6045).

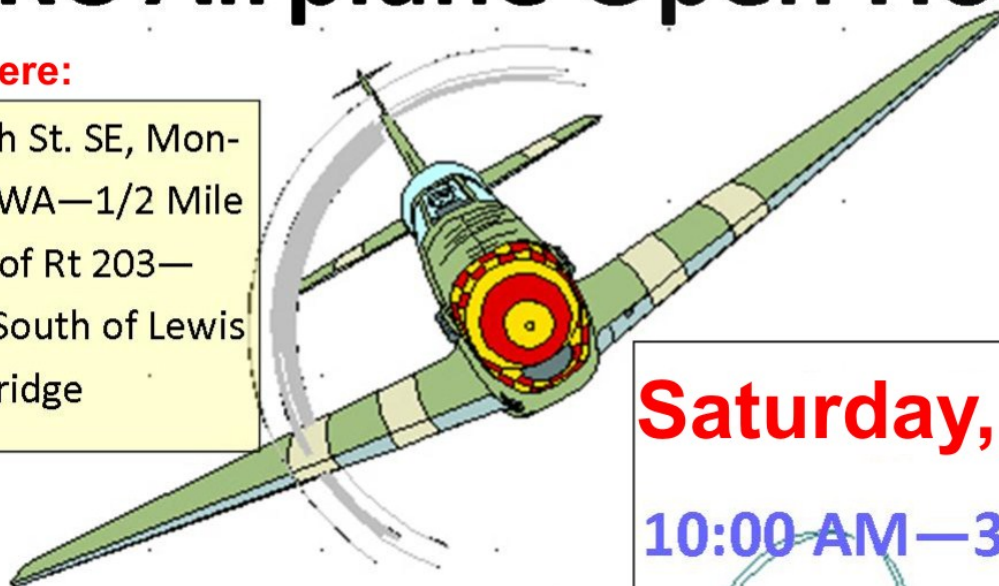




# Barnyard Buzzards MAC RC Airplane Open House

## Where:

168th St. SE, Mon-  
roe, WA—1/2 Mile  
East of Rt 203—  
just South of Lewis  
St. Bridge



**Saturday, Aug 13**

**10:00 AM—3:00 PM**

Our events are open to the public and you are welcome to come out to watch the planes FREE and talk with our pilots. All AMA members with current membership are welcome to fly.



We have food available at each of our events for a nominal charge. Lunch normally starts by 11:30 AM. Super Swap meet—first come—1st served. Bring your stuff and you are encouraged to bring your own tables and chairs. All transactions are between the buyer and seller!



Visit our website for more info:

<http://www.barnyard-buzzards.com> or call

**(360) 668-6075**



# Safety Corner



I would like to report that all is going well at the field, but that is not the case... Last Saturday was an example. It was one of those days where if it could happen, it did. The corn has grown by leaps and bounds as the weather has gotten a little warmer. We spent several hours Saturday morning looking for airplanes that landed in the corn. I'm not sure just how many planes were lost for a time in the corn. I believe all of them were found. One plane took at least 3 search parties before it was found. It was in the direction that everyone thought, but a lot further out than anyone reckoned. This should say something about how far out we are really flying. All of the pilots that witnessed the plane going down thought it was closer to the field than it actually was. Let that be a lesson—most of the time the plane is out further than you think. All in all, I lost track of the planes that were candidates for the Rebuilders Contest.

The Highlight of the day was provided by our very own ex-president. His airplane attacked him. This is what Chet thinks happened in his own words:

**“What I can remember is that when I reached to shut down the engine using the throttle trim, I accidentally bumped the throttle slightly and in the panic, I pushed down the radio power switch instead of the throttle trim. This tuned off the radio instead of moving the throttle trim down. After that happened, it was quickly whack whack whack (5 or 6 times) and don't know anything else—except I started leaking.”**



These are the results after being stitched up.

If your radio has fail safe programming learn to set it up so in the event that the receiver loses the signal from the transmitter the throttle goes to idle cut off. I don't know if this would have helped in this case, but it wouldn't have hurt, maybe he would have only gotten one or two slices. Stopping the engine with your ankle is a no-no.

UNTIL NEXT TIME, BE SAFE BE COURTEOUS  
Vince Bell, SO



# Fun Fly July 23

We had a good turn out for our Fun Fly this year. Since the Barnyard Buzzards is about camaraderie and flying, the event this year formed teams and the winners were determined by the average score of the team members. Eric won the individual 1st place. The team of Eric, Vince and Ron came in 1st. Second place was won by the team of Bryan and Tom. Coming in 3rd place was Jake and Dick.

The team building seemed to gain momentum as the event unfolded with many cheers and much laughter.

Ron Swift





1st Place—Vince, Ron & Eric



2nd Place—Bryan & Tom



3rd Place—Jake & Dick





# Barnyard Buzzards Events

## 2011 Events

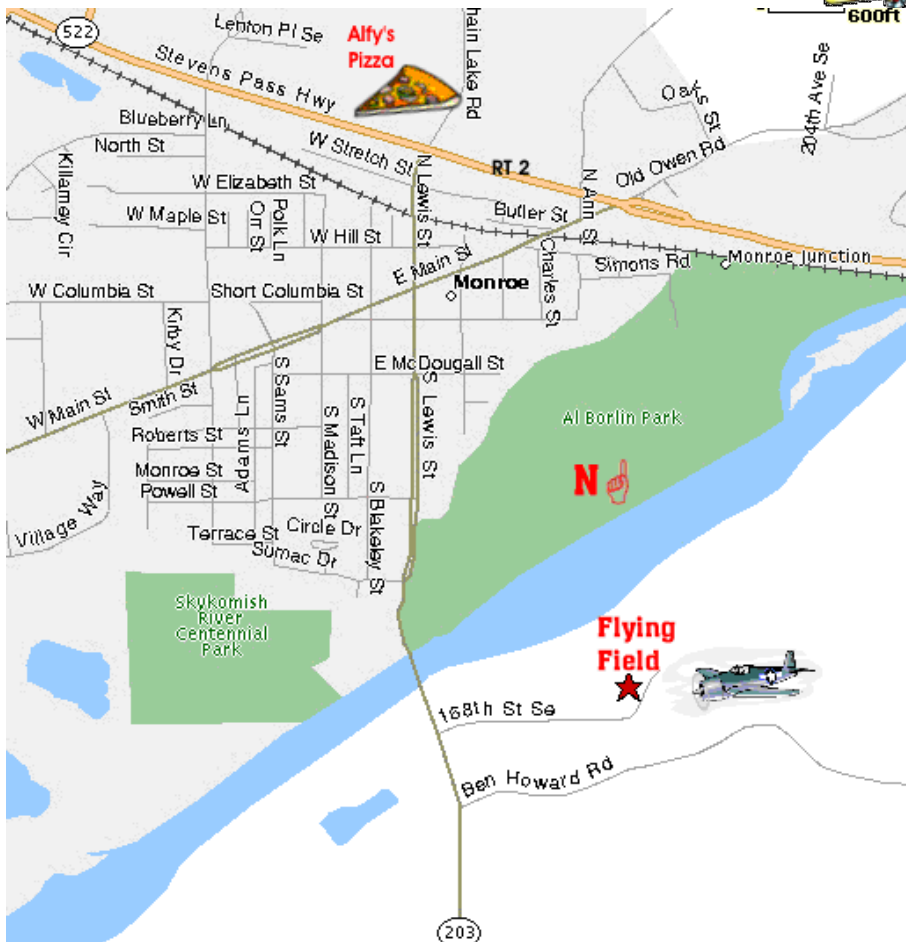
Our events are **open to the public** and you are welcome to come out to watch the events and talk with our pilots. All current AMA members are welcome to participate in the competitive events and our Open House. We have food available at each of our events for a nominal charge. Lunch normally starts by 11:30 AM. Also, we host a swap meet at each of the events that is open to anyone. Spaces for the swap meet are available on a first come, first served basis. Please bring your own tables (or use your vehicle).

EVENT	DATE & TIME		CONTACT		LOCATION
Club Charity Auction	Tuesday, June 14	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Ron Swift	(425) 788-6045	<a href="#">Club Field</a>
Fun Fly	Saturday, July 23 rain date: July 24	10:00am - 3:00pm	Ron Swift	(425) 788-6045	<a href="#">Club Field</a>
Open House & Super Swap Meet	Saturday, August 13	10:00am - 3:00pm	Bryan Reightley	(360) 863-2953	<a href="#">Club Field</a>
Combat	Saturday Sept. 10	10:00am - 3:00pm	Scott Curtis	(425) 337-2657	<a href="#">Club Field</a>
Annual Freeze-in	Saturday, January 7, 2012	11am - 2pm	Ron Swift	(425) 788-6045	<a href="#">Club Field</a>
<a href="#">Builder Competition</a>	<p>Begins at the end of our May meeting each year and continues until our next May meeting. Bring the model name (photo would be nice!) and entry fee of \$10.00 to enter!!! You can enter as many planes as you want until the May meeting. It adds points if you fly the model prior to the judging. Models previously entered, but not brought for judging can be re-entered for the \$10.00 fee. Judging and award presentation will be during our May 8, 2012 meeting at the club field.</p>				

## Photos for Fun







# Barnyard Buzzard's Club Meeting

Our club meetings are open to the public. Starting in March 2010, we meet at 6:30 PM on the **2nd Tuesday** of each month at Alf's Pizza in the Staples Plaza on RT2, Monroe, WA. During the summer months (weather permitting), the club meets at our flying field. See the schedule below for location...

If you would like additional information, come out to a club meeting, or contact one of our club officers. Each meeting starts with an introduction of the club officers followed by a short business meeting. We will have a **program** about some aspect of the hobby/sport. Then, a **Show & Tell** and **raffle** conclude the meeting, which ends at around 8:30 P.M.

## Barnyard Buzzards Pilot Training



Our club is dedicated to the safe pursuit and advancement of model aviation. We offer the newcomer free lessons to learn how to build models and to fly them. If you should have any questions about the club, flight instruction or membership requirements, call any of the club officers. We have a safety checklist available for those new to our flying field.

Use of a computer simulator is advisable. This allows you to practice safely and will end up saving you hundreds of dollars in the long run.

Still, in any case, the best way to learn to fly R/C planes is by finding an instructor to help. Learning on your own can be expensive and somewhat less safe.

We provide instruction for both building model aircraft as well as flying these models. In most cases, a buddy box system is used at the flying field. Experience has shown this to be the safest method to learn.

Those who want to enroll in the pilot training should contact Rick Hanners (phone number is on the list below) or our club secretary, Vaughn Houger at **425 788-8616**.

Pilots already enrolled in the training program are welcome to contact any of these club instructors to set up lessons.

### Current Flight Instructors:

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|--------------|--------------|
| Dean Appell  | 360 435-7803 |
| Vince Bell   | 425 788-2456 |
| Rick Hanners | 360 668-1312 |
| Ron Swift    | 425 788-6045 |
| Brian Taylor | 425 225-5247 |



### Upcoming Meetings

Meetings begin at 6:30 PM  
**2nd Tuesday**

- August 9 Club Field
- September 13 Club Field
- October 11 Alf's Pizza
- November 8 Alf's Pizza
- December 13 Alf's Pizza
- January 10 Alf's Pizza
- February 14 Alf's Pizza

### Our Flying Field

The field is located in Monroe on 168th St SE, just north of Ben Howard Rd along Route 203. If the gate is unlocked, feel free to visit! Our web site (<http://www.barnyard-buzzards.com>) has lots of photos of our field.



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